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LOCAL ATHLETES WIN THE HONORS

TRACK, RELAY AND BASE BALL
CUPS ALL WON BY PAW PAW,
AT ANNUAL FIELD MEET AT
SOUTH HAVEN.

McFARLIN ALL AROUND STAR

Awarded Medal for Winning Most
Points. Paw Paw takes Base Ball
Game by Score of 4 to 2. Immense
Crowd on Field.

Field day at South Haven last Friday was strictly a Paw Paw day, and three cups awarded annually by the county association for excellence on the athletic field, now have a conspicuous place among the trophies in the high school room. The track cup was won by a margin of only one point, Bangor being a threatening second; the relay cup was won in a walk, and the base ball game by a score of 4 to 2 in one of the best played and most intensely interesting games ever played at a county field meet. The points won by the various schools of the county in the track events were as follows:—

Paw Paw, 35; Bangor, 34; Lawrence, 11; Gobleville, 9; South Haven, 5; Hartford, 3; Bloomingdale, Decatur and Lawton failed to score.

McFarlin of Paw Paw won the all around medal, and McCulloch of Bangor was awarded second. The athletic achievements of McFarlin are worthy of special mention. He is in a class by himself, and while he was entered in more events than any other contestant, won first place in early every one. In only one event did he fail to score points for his school, and that was in the hundred yard dash. He should have had at least a second in this event, but slowed up on the track until it was too late to get a place. DeWaters of the local school took first in this event.

The ball game was a gem. Bangor scored one in the first and one in the second, and it looked as though the well trained boys from Bangor would win in a walk. But that was the end of the Bangor scoring. Paw Paw scored one run in the fourth, and by a succession of well placed bunts aided by a smash to left field by Fish, and an error at First, romped across with three more, and the game was won. The Paw Paw boys played a magnificent game, and several plays would do credit to national leagues. The battery was strong, Carr pitching a masterful game, while Dow on the receiving end, nipped every man who tried to pilfer a base. The sensational play of the game was a one handed catch by Hindenach at second. Had this smash got away, there might have been a different story to tell.

An immense crowd thronged Radcliffe field, and all the visitors were loud in their praise of the arrangements for the day, and the hospitality of the hosts of the city by the lake. Coach Spaulding of the Western State Normal was in charge of the events, and officiated to the satisfaction of everybody.

Following is the official result of the Field and Track events for the day:—

50 yard dash—First, McFarlin of Paw Paw; second, Walker of Gobleville; third, Dibble of Bangor. Time 5 4-5 seconds.

Standing Broad Jump—First, McFarlin of Paw Paw; second, Braybrooks of Lawrence; third, Dibble of Bangor. Distance, 9 ft. 9 in.

440 Yard Dash—First, McFarlin of Paw Paw; second, H. Wilcox of (Continued on page 4)

CYRIL E. BAILEY TO LEAVE FOR FRENCH FRONT SOON.

Extract from Cyril E. Bailey's Letter to his Father.

I expect to go to France with the Ambulance Corps from the University. Two units of thirty-six men each have been selected out of nearly two hundred applicants, and I was one of those chosen,—the selection being made on the basis of physical and mental fitness. The ambulance service appeals to me more than any other. It is one of the hardest jobs in war, not quite as dangerous as trench fighting, but clean and mighty important to the success of our forces. One thing fine about the proposition is that I will be in a company of all University men which will be kept together so that I will not be mixed in with the general draft. They are all a splendid lot of fellows, many of them faculty men. I am corporal of the first squad (8 men) in my company. The units were organized at the request of the War Department at Washington. A federal officer is expected in a few days to enlist us and it is expected that the ambulance units will be sent over right away. The units from Chicago University are already on their way. It may seem to you that I am in a hurry about going into this thing, but I want to do my part and I know you want me to, and if eventually—why not now when there is an opportunity to my liking. Most of us will drive ambulances. We are to have a course of instruction on the Ford ambulance next week by Prof. Fishleigh of the Engineering department and we will take long hikes to get into hardened physical condition. Will keep up with my school work until actually enlisted. We will not have to go home to register for this draft. We make out our cards before the University register and then send them to the sheriff at home with stamped envelope for return of credentials whatever it is. May 25th, 1917.

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

BOY SCOUTS TO AID THE GOVERNMENT.

By request of President Wilson, the Boy Scouts of America will assist in the sale of Liberty Bonds. Beginning next Monday morning and closing Thursday night, there is to be a nation-wide campaign among the Boy Scouts for this purpose. During those four days the local troops in Paw Paw will have headquarters in Hawley and Warner's office from which literature and information will be disseminated. The scouts offer themselves to the banks and the general public for messenger service in connection with the bond issue. Any one wishing to make application for a Liberty Bond may telephone Scout headquarters and a messenger will be promptly dispatched. An attractive window card will be presented to any person who makes a subscription.

KILLEFER THE POPULAR BACKSTOP LOST TROUSERS.

Everyone has got to get their bumps even in a base ball game. The idol of to-day may be the "Bonehead" of tomorrow. This time the joke is on Bill Killefer. It happened in this manner, so says the Chicago Examiner. Killefer sent his street clothes to be pressed just prior to the game in Chicago Tuesday. The suit was to be returned to the club house in time to dress after the game. When the game was concluded Bill took his shower and started to dress, but lo and behold his trousers were missing. The coat and vest were there, but no pants. The result was that Bill remained in seclusion in the club house for several hours until some one could locate the missing. This will probably not happen to Bill again, if he heeds the advice contained in a telegram sent by his Paw Paw friends Thursday. The laconic message read as follows:—"Bill, in the future keep your pants on."

REGISTERED MEN ELIGIBLE FOR VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT.

Captain Boice of Grand Rapids sends out word that Registration of eligibles for the army interferes in no way with voluntary enlistment. Even though a man has registered under the registration act, he may yet volunteer for the regular army up to the date he is drafted. After draft of course he could not be accepted for voluntary enlistment under any circumstances.

READY FOR THE DRAFT

More than Ten Million Young Men of the Nation
are Registered.

The preliminary steps for the conscription of an American army are over. Tuesday was registration day, and over ten million young men of the country are now on the list for the draft. Not all of this number are eligible, and the government has announced that two million names will be drawn on the first draft, deeming that number necessary to secure a force of 625,000. The registration figures for the state are not available as we go to press, but Van Buren's quota is 2,109 and the registration by precincts is as follows:— This list does not include aliens and alien enemies, all of whom were required by law to present themselves at the registration places for registration:—

COUNTY REGISTRATION BY PRECINCTS.

Almena	52
Arlington	93
Antwerp	141
Bangor	168
Bloomingdale, 1st. Pre	78
Bloomingdale, 2nd. Pre	41
Columbia	97
Covert	90
Decatur	150
Geneva	91
Hamilton	54
Hartford	156
Keeler	80
Lawrence	96
Paw Paw	155
Porter	72
Pine Grove	105
S. Haven Tp.	88
S. Haven City, 1st. Ward	123
S. Haven City, 2nd. Ward	64
S. Haven City, 3rd. Ward	43
Waverly	72
Total	2109

There are undoubtedly some within the required age limits who through ignorance possibly have failed to register. Deputy county clerk Broughton received a telegram Thursday morning from General Bersey, stating that the government would be lenient with registration offenders, and that those who have not registered may yet do so, and thus escape the penalty which the law prescribes. There is no escape from registration for those between the ages of 21 and 31, and it is only through the leniency of Uncle Sam, that those who have sought to escape registration are not now in serious trouble. But they cannot escape the penalty unless they present themselves for registration at once.

Registration day was made a holiday throughout the land, and patriotic programs and parades were planned for many of the registration precincts. In Paw Paw the bells were rung at the opening of the polls in the morning and at closing time at night. Members of the Home Guard were detailed to serve throughout the day, and pin badges of khaki with the stars and stripes at the top and a button with the words "I have registered" on every one presenting himself for registration. Ladies of the village distributed copies of the President's war message.

At two o'clock a patriotic program was given at the Opera House. The Home Guard headed by the Paw Paw Band, and Tyler's fife and drum corps of Lawrence marched from the Racket store to the place of meeting. Several members of Troop A cavalry of South Haven headed by Captain Thompson were in line. The stirring music of the fife and drum corps and patriotic pieces of the band drew a large crowd on Main street, and the Opera House was filled for the meeting. Former Mayor Charles Lake presided, and the meeting was opened by martial and band music, and prayer by Rev. O. A. Carman. Patriotic songs were sung by the audience, and Lynn Free was called as the first speaker. His address was a gem, and it is to be regretted that every citizen of the land could not have heard it. Captain Thompson was called and his reference to what war really means, and the fact that his own son was already in the service, brought tears to the eyes of many. Judge Anderson and Hon. L. J. Lewis also made addresses in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. While a spirit of loyal patriotism prevailed, the sadness of the hour, and the anxiety as to what will be the eventual outcome could not be concealed.

CHICAGO MAN DROPS DEAD AT FARM IN GOBLEVILLE.

Justice Rowland, Prosecutor Adams Stenographer Wilbur, Constable McCabe were called to Gobleville Wednesday to hold an inquest over the body of one Frank Gustafson. The cause of death however, was so evident that no inquest was thought to be necessary. Gustafson lives in Chicago, and had just purchased a farm north of Gobles. He had come from Chicago to look after the work on the farm, and fell dead in the road early Wednesday morning. He was a man of about forty-five years of age, and leaves a family in Chicago.

The Third Division of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid will meet on Friday afternoon of this week with Mrs. David Burke. Please bring thimbles.

CLOSED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The County Offices of the Court House will be closed on Saturday afternoons during the months of June and August.

While the law designates Saturday afternoons as half holidays, and it is universally observed in nearly all the Counties of the State,—some the entire year, others during the summer months, yet it is a new innovation for Van Buren County,—and those having business to transact with the County Officers will please bear in mind the above notice.

Mrs. H. A. Cole returned Saturday from Allegan where she had been visiting at the homes of Mrs. Ida Cole, Mrs. John Latshaw and Prof. Robinson, all formerly of Paw Paw.

SOMETHING NEW IN MOVIE FEATURES NEXT MONDAY.

A birds-eye view motion picture in panoramic form, in which is shown the gigantic factory of the Willys-Overland Company, together with an excellent close-up of John N. Willys will be shown in conjunction with "A Tale of Two Sleeves" the motion picture story of Willys-Knight Sleeve Valve Motor to be exhibited at the Idle Hour Theatre, Monday evening June 11th at 8:00 P. M. according to announcement of the Kalamazoo Sales company.

Word was received from the Willys-Overland Company by C. C. Giddings yesterday in which Mr. Giddings was told of the new sections which are to be added to the pictures when shown in Paw Paw.

Mr. Giddings is making preparations to handle a capacity crowd and he predicts that the theatre will be filled.

"I believe" said Mr. Giddings "that A Tale of Two Sleeves makes clear more about the automobile motor than the average owner understands. The Willys-Overland Company has developed this picture not simply along the lines of the sleeve valve motor, but on engine construction in general.

"For instance, it shows what goes on underneath the hood when you throw in the clutch and press your foot on the starting pedal. It shows what makes the 'wheels go round' in that small compartment underneath the hood of the car you drive."

VAN BUREN COUNTY BRANCH OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

A preliminary meeting was held in Paw Paw Wednesday morning for the purpose of organizing a Van Buren county branch of the National Red Cross society. The temporary organization was made as follows:—

Judge David Anderson, Chairman; Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, vice chairman; Miss Ola Killefer, Secretary; Carl Wolfe, Treasurer. The temporary organization will be in charge until next October, when a complete and final organization will be perfected. The first order of business for the society will be the selection of fifteen directors selected from various parts of the county. These directors will hold local meetings and get ready for a thorough and systematic campaign for membership. Another local meeting will be announced for Paw Paw soon. The Red Cross society is one of the most essential organizations in time of war. It is every citizen's duty to become a member, and assist in every possible way for the work at hand.

FORMER PAW PAW PEOPLE WISH TO BE REMEMBERED.

In renewing his subscription to The True Northerner, Charles W. Toles Jr. writes from San Jose California as follows:—

"The True Northerner seems to be the only link between our old Paw Paw friends and the new. It enables us to keep track of every one, and we even read the advertisements. Mrs. Toles and I are nicely located in San Jose, a city of 40,000 and a fine climate. We never see snow here, except on the mountain tops and it makes us long for some of our Michigan sleigh rides. We wish to be remembered to all of our friends and our thoughts will always be the best for "Dear Old Paw Paw". Some day it is to be our home."

LIEUT. FRANK ISBELL HOME EXPECTS TO GO TO FRONT.

Frank Isbell is home on a furlough. He is now a graduate aviator and holds a First Lieutenants commission in the Aviation corps of the U. S. Army. He is awaiting a call to Fort Huston, Texas and expects to be called to the front in France before many weeks. Despite the hazardous undertakings of an aviator, Frank is very enthusiastic about the work. He saw the great aviator Carlstrom fall to his death at New Port News, and helped to cut the wreckage away from his mangled body, yet it did not phase him. He has made all the endurance and time flights alone and unassisted, and is destined to make his mark in this branch of the service. Besides, he has the satisfaction of doing his duty in this great world conflict. Here's luck to you Frank, may you return at the close of the struggle unscathed, and covered with glory attained in your extremely hazardous undertaking.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES START WITH BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS AT M. E. CHURCH ON SUNDAY EVENING.

TWENTY RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Class Day Address Wednesday Evening at M. E. Church. Commencement Friday Night at the Rink.

The school year 1917 will soon be history. One more week of school activities and then the pupils and instructors will enjoy a well earned vacation. Examinations are now on, and next week the addresses and commencement program proper will be given. The present school year has been a most successful one, and the results attained will lay a splendid foundation for the future. Twenty young ladies and gentlemen will bid good bye to the scenes of school activities. Those who will finish the course and receive diplomas from the Paw Paw schools are as follows:—

Olga Kirstine Miller, Marian Pauline Mutchler, Mildred Mae Layn, Helen Seelye Plumb, James Sterling Ayars, Floyd Howard Hobbs, Helen L. Bolinger, Lela F. Washburn, Fern E. Hess, Harold F. Mumbroe, Lewis C. Harter, Larue Eathel Shean, Ruth A. Shepard, Geraldine B. Beattie, Irwin O. DeWaters, Rowene Bradley, Clare McFarlin, Donald V. Purlington, Gertrude Summy and Douglas Hindenach. Some are planning to continue along educational lines, while for others, this will mark the end of their school work. It is a pity that every graduate cannot continue to build on the foundation so well started. A finished education is the most valuable asset a man or woman can have, and many cannot appreciate that fact until it is too late.

Commencement week will start next Sunday evening in the Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock when Rev. C. H. Heaton will deliver the Baccalaureate address.

On Wednesday evening June 13th, at 8:00 o'clock in the Methodist church, President D. B. Waldo of the Western State Normal college will deliver the class day address "Patriotism and War."

The commencement program will be held in the Rink on Friday evening June 15th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock with a concert by Fisher's orchestra of Kalamazoo. Other numbers on this program will include the following:—

Valedictory, by Olga Miller; Class oration by Mildred Layn; Class Poem Lela Washburn; Class Prophecy, Gertrude Summy; Class Will, Harold Mumbroe; Salutatory, James Ayars; Class History, Rowene Bradley; Presentation of Diplomas. There will be no promotional exercises in the grades this year.

SOUTH HAVEN BOOTLEGGER CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

Sheriff Beattie, Prosecutor Adams, Chief of Police Stufflebeam of South Haven and Stenographer Ford Wilbur raided the home of one Alonzo Clark in South Haven last Saturday night and confiscated enough "Liquor Joy" to start a fair sized drink emporium. Following is a partial list of the liquors confiscated:— 9 quarts of whisky; 2 quarts of wine; 1½ barrels of beer; 5 cases of beer. Two men were in the place drinking at the time of the raid. Clark waived examination before Judge Rowland and plead guilty to a violation of the Local Option Law in Circuit court Wednesday afternoon. He paid a fine and costs amounting to \$75.00.

Commencing July 1st, 1917, the price of the True Northerner will be \$1.50 per year in advance, to everybody. All leading newspapers of the country have advanced their rates some time ago, and we have waited until it became absolutely imperative for us to do so. Please remember—after July 1st, 1917 the price will be strictly \$1.50 per year, in advance.